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April 15, 2009

The Honorable Justin P. Wilson Comptroller of the Treasury 1st Floor, State Capitol Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Comptroller Wilson:

This letter is to request, on behalf of the Fiscal Review Committee, a review of the implementation of the State of Tennessee's enterprise resource planning project. commonly referred to as the "Edison Project." The portion of the review to be conducted immediately relates to payroll, employee benefits, and timeliness of vendor payments.

As you know, the State of Tennessee has committed approximately \$135 million to fund this project through issuance of bonds and direct appropriations. Members of the General Assembly have since received reports of problems in the handling of payroll, insurance, and employee taxes under Edison. The Fiscal Review Committee is interested in a survey of all state employees, if possible, concerning their experience with Edison, in addition to other steps you deem necessary to evaluate these issues in a thorough manner.

Concerns also have been raised concerning the timeliness of payments to state vendors under Edison compared to the previous "STARS" system. We would appreciate your review of this issue as well.

If you determine that modifications to these requests are necessary, please consult with the Committee staff. The staff is authorized to agree to modifications on behalf of the Committee.

We request that the initial portion of this project be substantially completed by May 15, 2009, in a form that can be presented to the Committee and the rest of the General Assembly during the week of May 18.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Ketron Chairman